

THE DAILY STAR.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Jan. 30.—Moon.

It will probably remain fair to-day and tomorrow, with perhaps occasionally increased cloudiness.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

STOLEN buffalo robe at Third-street Station.

DISTRICT PHYSICIAN HADLOCK has resigned.

MR. G. H. NEELY, of Lima, Ohio, is in the city.

ONE HUNDRED and eleven deaths in the city during the week.

OFFICER WAPPENSTEIN has recovered Col. Joyce's overcoat.

OVER eight hundred lodgers at the free lodging-house last night.

REVIVAL meetings are in progress in Pearl street M. E. church.

OFFICER LINN, of Walnut Hills District, died last night of pneumonia.

JOHN FARRER, an employee at Hunt's, won the gold medal at the Little Grey's drill.

JUDGE COX has left the city to visit his brother who is seriously ill in the West.

HON. EMIL ROTHE speaks to the Friends of Inquiry to-night on the Louisiana question.

The Tenth District Station has been provided with a fire-alarm gong and telegraph connections.

MR. JOHN KELLY, Transportation Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Central road, is in the city.

No owner has yet been found for that silver teapot found in the possession of a tramp by the officers a few weeks ago.

The Temperance people are arranging for a huge fair in Greenwood Hall, commencing April 6th and lasting one week.

MESSRS. Jas. Date, H. McCollum and W. Stephenson compose the Mechanical Institute Committee on Cincinnati Centennial.

The work of the Episcopal Mission, Mr. Morgan, closes in this city with the sermon to-day at St. Paul's, and the evening discourse at Christ Church.

MR. EMIL HOFFMAN's numerous friends and business acquaintances will be glad to know that he has so far recovered from his illness as to appear at his post again.

JOHN ROBINSON, JR., G. W. Robinson, Frank Robinson, Albert L. Stuckey, John Lowlow, and others of the Great Robinson Circus Company, arrived here yesterday, and will go into winter quarters.

EXCELSIOR LODGE K. of P. gave a grand complimentary entertainment at Spill's Academy last evening, which was, as is everything undertaken by the members, a complete success and highly satisfactory to all concerned.

The Police and Prison Committee, at their meeting yesterday, resolved to heat the new Central Station-house with steam. The clerk was also authorized to advertise for proposals seven days hence, at which time the specifications and plans will be ready.

The following organization of the Globe Rolling Mill Company was made at its election yesterday: Directors—Joseph Kinsey, F. H. Short, Lewis Worthington, N. L. Anderson and J. L. Boyer; President, Joseph Kinsey; Vice President, J. L. Boyer; Secretary, E. N. Rogers.

The alarm of fire from box No. 138, about ten o'clock this morning, was caused by the discovery of a small fire in the rear portion of a hardware store on the corner of Freeman and Liberty streets, which was extinguished by a stream of water before any engines arrived. No loss.

The Womens' Educational Executive Committee elected a permanent organization at last, and elected the following officers: Chairman, Aaron F. Perry; Vice-chairman, Wm. Jas. Buckner; Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Rogers; and Assistant Secretary, Mrs. N. H. McLean.

The Festival committee of the twentieth General Convention of the German Roman Catholic Central Union of North America held a meeting last night at St. Francis Hall, and decided to arrange a plan to raise \$2,000 more for the expenses of the Convention which meets in Pentecost week at this place.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which is now in session in this city, has elected the following officers for the present term: Thomas H. Curry, Past Grand Master Workman; Julius Kahn, Grand Master Workman; T. J. Smith, Grand Master Foreman; Benjamin Sebastian, Grand Overseer; W. H. Engelbrecht, Grand Guide; T. J. Harcourt, Grand Receiver; and E. M. Davis, Grand Watchman.

The case of grand larceny pending against J. T. Lytle was continued until Feb. 6th, in the Police Court this morning, on account of the absence of several of the witnesses. John Rooney, charged with burglarizing the American News Emporium, No. 154 West Fourth st., last night, and stealing a number of albums and other valuable property, had his case continued until Feb. 3d. Officers Quinn and Ryan made the arrest. John Sauerbeck and Wm. Phillips, the belligerent young men who fired a pistol at a saloonist in Fulton, named Lewis Rogg, had a charge of disorderly conduct sustained against them and were fined \$10 and costs.

Suicide of a Young Girl.

Yesterday afternoon Louisa Hemmingshaus, a young girl sixteen years of age, left home for her regular working-place, which is at Meyer's candy store, on Main street. On arriving at the store she was told that her services were not needed for the day, and so went to her aunt's house at No. 545 Main street to spend the day.

After dinner she went into the back room, and not returning for some length of time her aunt opened the window of the room and went in, when she found the young girl, who is only sixteen years of age, lying on the floor, with a saucer full of a liquid by her side. She died in a few moments.

A Coroner's inquest was commenced to-day. Catherine Frey, mother of the deceased, was the first witness sworn, and testified to the general good health and spirits of her daughter.

It stated that she had been keeping company with a young man named Al. Condon, who works at Henshaw's furniture factory; that she was very much attached to him, and refused to quit keeping company with him when she (her mother) demanded it.

Al Condon, being sworn, said that he had been keeping company with the deceased, and they expected to marry in the course of two or three months. He knew the deceased to be a virtuous and decent girl.

The jury was unable to determine the case, and adjourned until 8 o'clock to await the results of a post mortem, which will be made in the meantime.

SPOOKS IN AN EAST END MAN-SION.

Mysteries Which Muddle the Mediums, and Sounds Which Stifle the Scientists—Three Weeks of Rappings and No Explanations.

The inhabitants of the First Ward, and in fact a large number of those residing in the eastern part of the city, are in a surprising state of excitement regarding a long and wholly unaccounted for series of mysterious manifestations in the way of rappings, peculiar sounds and unexplainable noises of a strange and at all pleasant nature, which have been heard night after night for the past three weeks in a house, the residence of one of our well known and highly respected citizens in the part of the city known as Easton. These peculiar manifestations consist of mysterious rappings in different parts of the house, and were first heard by members of the family some three weeks since. At first but little attention was paid to them, the gentleman and his wife being of too intelligent an order to indulge in any of the foolish fancies which such manifestations are liable to give rise to; but as the rappings increased in frequency, and fairly drove themselves into notice, an investigation was begun, which ended by enveloping them more deeply than ever in the mystery, until they now despair of finding a way out. Another result has been to fill their house with wondering and awestricken spectators, and the street in front of the residence with a gaping crowd, until it became necessary to frequently call on the police to disperse the crowds and to close the doors to spectators, and even in some cases to acquaintances and friends.

The gentleman in question is Mr. C. R. Williamson or "Calley" Williamson as he is familiarly known, an employee of the Post-office and a grandson of the late Mr. John Ruffin, and the house, Mr. Williamson's residence, on the northwest corner of East Front and French streets, the one in which Mr. Ruffin recently died. The mysterious manifestation consists of sharp, loud, and sometimes of a man's hand, in various parts of the house but more especially the dining-room, at various intervals, and all efforts to a solution of the mystery either by mediums or scientists have proved utterly futile.

A Star reporter yesterday called on Mr. Williamson and conversed with him on the subject, and also talked with numerous other persons who had observed the manifestations and afterward visited the residence to investigate for himself.

The house is a large three-story frame building, built some five years since, and is a fine example of modern architecture. The eastern part of the building is occupied by Mr. Williamson and his family, which consists of a wife and two children and a domestic. A motley crowd of boys and men stood in front of and around the building, drawn thither by curiosity, and the fence and sidewalk above the effects of the rappings that have been attracted here during the three weeks past.

The front of the building is occupied by the hall and parlor, and toward the other end, which fronts upon the railroad, is the dining-room and kitchen, from the first of which, and in a stairway connected with it, the mysterious sounds mostly appear to come. The mysterious rappings were first noticed by the servant, who, by the way, is the only one alarmed by the mystery. They consist generally of three quick, sharp raps, as though made by a man's hand, sometimes upon the floor, sometimes upon the doors of the house, and at other times upon the stairs. The first day but little attention was paid by the family to the story, but the next day about five o'clock P. M., the knocking began again. At times there would be but one light rap, then would come three or four louder, then an interval of a few moments, and several quick, violent raps at the door, as if, as Mr. Williamson expressed it to our reporter, "as if some one wanted to get in out of the cold."

On the door being suddenly opened when the knocking occurred, no one could be found, and the knocking continued. The mystery could be accounted for, and the gentleman, who is a gentleman not only of intelligence but of nerve as well, determined if possible to penetrate the mystery. Accordingly careful examinations were made in all parts of the building where the noises were heard; the cellar was carefully searched, the water pipes examined, the closets explored, the furniture moved from its position, and every possible effort made to solve the problem, but in vain. The mysterious rappings continued, occasionally being also heard in other parts of the building, but most frequently in and about the dining-room, and a bedroom adjoining. The servant, who is so much alarmed, failed to sleep in her bedroom, and was also occasionally favored with a few taps, and was given a sleeping place in the dining-room. About nine or ten o'clock at night the noises ceased, and were heard but little until next day about five o'clock P. M., when they were again heard, and became at times very violent, continuing as before until about nine. This state of things continued regularly day after day until Mr. Williamson, losing faith in his ability to discover the secret, informed a few friends of the singular visitations. They, in company with him investigated the matter thoroughly, and were in turn, after hearing the mysterious rappings, obliged to "give it up."

Others hearing of it from their friends began to arrive for many days past the house has been crowded with the anxious and incredulous, who always went away equally anxious, but more mystified as to the cause.

Of course, with a large number of the theory of "spirits" has obtained, and the "haunted" house is an object of curiosity, until a detail of officers has been sent to keep the sidewalks clear about the story reaching the ears of the Spiritualists of the city, they immediately supposed that the mystery was, according to their ways of thinking, no mystery at all, but the efforts of the spirit of some fair, but the efforts of this mundane sphere to open a communication with the family or with some parties in the vicinity. Soon it was whispered among the credulous that the spirit of Mr. Ruffin, who formerly resided in the house, had returned to his former home, and that it would make itself manifest through a "medium."

The opinion was strengthened by the fact, which they considered very important, that the sounds frequently seemed to be in the room in which he died. No thought of this kind, however, occurred to Mr. or Mrs. Williamson, who look upon natural causes to explain the seeming "spirits"; but to gratify the curiosity of friends, and the desire of the believers in "spiritual manifestations," several mediums have been already allowed to undertake to communicate with the—by them supposed—spirit, but without avail. Among the parties who have formed part of the house are Mrs. Adkins and her daughters, well-known mediums, residing on East Front street, and others. They are, however, none of them successful.

The circles have been formed in the regular way, the Lord's prayer repeated, the "spirit" asked to communicate, and numbers of questions asked, but no answer. The spirit seems bound to have its own way, and keeps on rapping about promiscuously on doors, stairs, floors, or anything it chooses, and with no more regularity than on any former occasion, and the mediums have finally given up in disgust.

A large number of scientific gentlemen have also visited the house during the three weeks in which the manifestations have been of regular daily occurrence. These gentlemen, after a careful and thorough investigation, have failed to arrive at any solution of the problem, as have all others who have been present. Among those who have been present are several who have made it their boast that no manifestation of this kind had ever been made in their presence, even through accomplished mediums, but they, as with all others, are perfectly powerless to control the freaks of this obnoxious one, and it has riotous unrestrained in their presence, fairly making their eyes start from their sockets in amazement, and their ears ring by the violence of its raps and knocks in various localities in the house. Among the gentlemen who have always heretofore had a quieting effect upon the spirits is Mr. Brockbank, the Assistant Street Commissioner, but he acknowledges himself fairly defeated and entirely nonplussed in this case, as the sounds are so numerous and vigorous as ever in his presence.

On Sunday last the "spirits" seemed to be especially lively, commencing as early as 3 o'clock P. M., and the noises being even more violent and plentiful than ever and continuing unusually late. For three days past, however, little has been heard from the visitor whose presence was becoming somewhat monotonous to Mr. Williamson, and he begins to hope that the "spirits" have departed, for although neither himself or his wife have been at all alarmed by the unusual, and to them, entirely unexplainable occurrences, yet they will be glad to be rid of the annoyance and the crowd which it brings.

Mr. Williamson says that while he does not believe in anything supernatural connected with it, he is free to admit that he can not explain the mystery himself, and would be grateful to any one who will do it.

WOOD'S THEATER.—"Little Nell" and the "Marchioness."

The grand matinee to-day, and to-morrow, will make her last appearance in these parts this evening. Next Monday evening her innumerable admirers will be favored with an opportunity to witness the production here of an elegant new play, written expressly for her, entitled, "Musette."

JAMES LEE, the man who was run over yesterday near the I. C. & L. railroad shops, died early this morning at the City Hospital, where he had been taken.

THE WEEKLY STAR.

The current number of the WEEKLY STAR contains the latest news by telegraph, news briefs for the past week, leading editorials: A Royal Bridal Graveyard; Plundered; The Great Cleveland National Convention—Public Expenditures; &c. Also, notes on the Beecher-Tilton trial, interesting correspondence, Odds and Ends, Personal, Gossip, Fashion Notes and News, Religious Intelligence, Book and Magazine Reviews, several short stories, Grainger's Poems, Poetry, Historical Reminiscences, the usual amount of Green Agriculture, Scientific, and Literary reading matter, Financial and Market Reports, &c., &c. Price 4c., in wrappers ready for mailing.

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Dr. A. BERRY, Dentist, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE: No. 113 W. Seventh St. de2-3m

H. R. SMITH, M. D., Dentist, No. 80 WEST SEVENTH ST.

G. B. HOLLISTER, Attorney at Law, No. 230 Walnut Street. lm6-1v1

J. T. CRAPSEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW. OFFICE: 230 WALNUT ST.

HENRY A. RILEY, Attorney and Counselor at Law, No. 21 Park Row, New York.

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I. O. O. F.—Odd-fellows' Protective Association. Assesment due on death of Bro. E. McCall, of No. 134 S. D. SMITH, Secretary. ja2-3m

NOTICE.—The annual election of Directors of the Cincinnati Railway Tunnel Company will be held at the Company's office, on MONDAY, the 15th day of March, 1876, between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M.

ALICE MERRILEES, Sec'y.

MRS. WEBER and ROBINSON are hereby notified to pay charges on their charge goods or the same to the Billings Auction-house, No. 153 W. Fifth st., on Feb. 2d.

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INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

STATE OF OHIO, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBUS, January 18th, 1876.

WHEREAS, THE BLACK RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, located at Watertown, in the State of New York, has filed in this office a sworn statement, by the proper officers thereof, showing its condition and business, and has complied in all respects with the laws of this State, relating to Fire Insurance Companies, incorporated by other States of the United States.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of law, I, William F. Church, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that said company is authorized to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this State, in accordance with law, during the current year. The condition and business of said Company at the date of such statement (December 31st, 1875) is shown as follows:

Aggregate amount of available assets, including stock notes, &c., \$347,037 90

Aggregate amount of liabilities (except capital) including re-insurance, \$93,323 77

Net Assets, \$253,714 13

Amount of actual paid up capital, \$250,000 00

Surplus, \$3,714 13

Amount of income for the year in cash, \$74,096 03

Amount of expenditures for the year in cash, \$18,571 60

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of my office to be affixed, the day and year above written. [SEAL]

WM. F. CHURCH, Superintendent.

CHAS. BONNALL & SON, No. 17 West Third Street, Agent at Cincinnati, O. 1t

STATE OF OHIO, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBUS, January 4th, 1876.

WHEREAS, THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, located at Columbus, in the State of Ohio, has filed in this office a sworn statement, by the proper officers thereof, showing its condition and business, and has complied in all respects with the laws of this State, relating to Fire Insurance Companies.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of law, I, Wm. F. Church, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that said company is authorized to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this State, in accordance with law, during the current year. The condition and business of said Company at the date of such statement (Dec. 31, 1875), is shown as follows:

Amount of actual paid-up Capital, \$250,000 00

Aggregate amount of available assets, including stock notes, &c., \$15,408 32

Aggregate amount of liabilities (except capital) including re-insurance, being fifty per cent. of premiums on risks not terminated, \$20,300 19

Amount of income for the year in cash, \$18,571 64

Amount of Expenditures for the preceding year in cash, \$96,818 61

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of my office to be affixed, the day and year above written. [SEAL]

WM. F. CHURCH, Superintendent.

CHAS. BONNALL & SON, Agents, No. 17 West Third Street, Cincinnati, O. 1t

NOTICE

—TO THE—

OVERSEERS OF THE O. D. P.

OFFICE OF THE CITY INFIRMARY, CINCINNATI, January 28, 1876.

A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS held this day, on motion, it was Resolved, That no certificates be given by the Overseers of the O. D. P. to applicants for relief, without their first visiting and inquiring as to the parties applying; and even then to grant relief in no case except for

Sickness, Infirmary, Old Age, Or where there is no male head to the family; and not to a single woman or widow who has children, and is able to support herself with the proper exertion.

Also, that the Overseers be especially requested to be extremely cautious as to those they may hereafter send to the infirmary, as no one is entitled to admission unless a citizen, and either old or infirm.

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